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Pastor's Perspective...



by Pastor Dan Hansen

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you... Stop doubting and believe."

John 20:26 & 27

1) On seeing life through "Easter" eyes...

Jesus' words to Thomas are also a good Word for you and me, as well, "Peace be with you... Stop doubting and believe." What good news for us as we live with our daily worries: Will we meet our deadlines? Will we find a job? Will our sick loved one get well? Although, we don't always know what the future holds, it's comforting to remember who holds our future! **In this Easter season**, may we learn to look at life through "Easter" eyes, placing our hope and trust in the One who was raised from the dead. And, let's not forget how the story ends—that Thomas is the one who declares, "My Lord and my God!" 😊

2) On our return from Turkey...

What an inspiring adventure and what a wonderful group! After developing an infection about 10 days before our departure date, Cindy finally got the "green light" from her surgeon that she could travel. Thankfully her energy level held up and she did a great job of keeping up with everyone with our daily tours. What a special time this was for us as we celebrated Cindy's birthday and then our anniversary as we traveled!

Many Christians might not realize that Turkey is the setting for so much of our New Testament history; Paul's letters to the Galatians, Ephesians, and Colossians, and John's letters to the seven churches in the book of Revelations were all written to cities in Turkey! And the exciting thing is that Turkey is

excavating more and more of these biblical sites so that there is more for Christians to see all the time.

It's very sobering however, to see that Christianity virtually died out in this biblical land in recent centuries and we need to pray for the tiny percentage of Christians who are now trying to revive the Christian faith. Indeed, many of you heard the tragic news that 3 Christians were killed by Islamic extremists during the first week of our tour. Miraculously, their families were proclaiming grace and forgiveness toward the killings just days later. What a witness of faith!

We hope you'll join us as we tell more during Sunday School on June 24th. Additionally Nanette plans to have "Paul's Missionary Journeys" as a theme for our Fall Sunday School program and we hope to have "John's Letters to the Seven Churches" as our theme for Lent next spring. Truly the bible comes alive when you stand where the Apostle Paul and Saint John and the early church lived out their faith. **Warning: Nanette took LOTS of pictures...so look out!**

3) On our Outreach Sunday...

No doubt one of the most exciting things God is doing in our church is expanding our outreach. What a wonderful display of outreach projects we will have this Sunday and how exciting to hear of the many ways in which God is using us to reach out to the world. And I really believe that a key ingredient in this ministry was our willingness as a congregation to commit the "first fruits" of our offerings (now 20%) to go right out the door to various outreach ministries and projects. It's very exciting to see how the Spirit is calling us in new directions of ministry and outreach!

4) On our office security...

We'll be locking our offices at the end of the day from now on to improve the security of our computers and office equipment. **If you need to use the**

copy machine after office hours, please make arrangements with Janelle ahead of time. Thanks for your patience and understanding!

5) On our worship prayers...

I know that there is nothing wrong with praying silently, but in terms of our witness to our visitors, I would suspect that it sometimes appears that we are not quite prepared to pray. A special challenge to all of you—*especially our staff, council, ministry committees and Sunday School teachers*—please remember to faithfully lift up your ministries and concerns as a part of our worship services, OK? It may very well be that our prayer time says more about us as a congregation than our music or our preaching or our teaching—so let your lights shine!

6) On our giving....

At some point in our faith journey, we learn that we are called to serve the Lord with our time and talents and treasure—not our time or our talents or our treasure. Can you imagine a young husband saying to his bride, "I'll love you, but my money is mine!" Or a parent saying to a child, "I love you, but my money is mine!" You see, actions speak louder than words and that's probably why Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be." Just as our congregation has made a commitment of practicing "first-fruits" giving (and have been blessed!), we encourage you to practice "first-fruits" giving. And we trust that you, too, will be spiritually blessed.

"He has done marvelous things; I too will thank Him with a new song!"

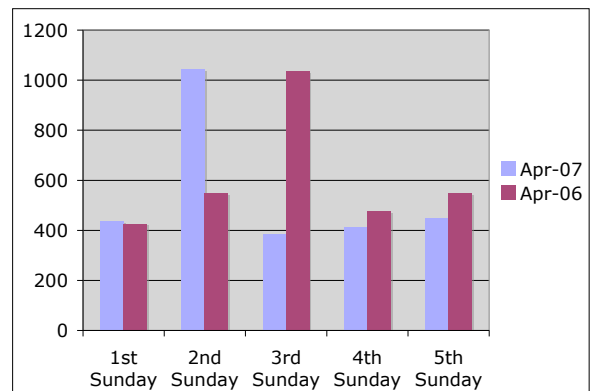
Your partner in ministry,
Pastor Dan

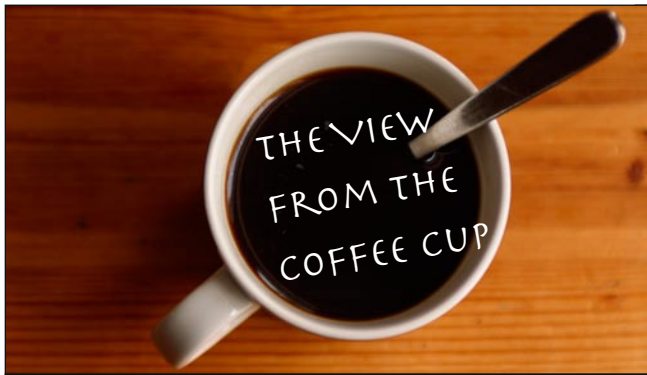


Worship Attendance

Attendance

	Apr-07	Apr-06
	PALM SUNDAY	
1st Sunday	435	426
	EASTER	PALM SUNDAY
2nd Sunday	1044	549
		EASTER
3rd Sunday	383	1036
4th Sunday	412	477
5th Sunday	449	547





by Pastor Bruce Welander



As I write this, I have just returned from Turkey, along with twenty five other members and friends of Faith Community. Although I am still experiencing jet lag (and lots of other lags), here are a few impressions that I bring home from that fascinating country:

First, it is a very beautiful land. Whether the towering Toros Mountains (as spectacular as our Rockies), the warm Mediterranean and Aegean seacoasts, the high plateaus or the gentle hills, the land of ancient Asia Minor is stunning. For instance, at a place called Nicea, where the Christian revelation of the Triune God was clarified, the lake and surrounding trees were gorgeous... a very fit site for expanding our sense of the sheer majesty and beauty of God.

Also, the world of Turkey is incredibly rich in history. Even long before the coming of the ancient Hittites (who reached their zenith around 1200 B.C.), this land was inhabited by many civilizations. In our own part of the world, any date before the mid-1800s is considered old. In Turkey, on the other hand, many of the ruins we saw dated at least from the time of the Roman Empire. After all, this is the place where St. Paul first brought the Gospel, and we spent time in cities where he worked, like Antioch of Pisidia (Acts 13) and Konya (the Biblical Iconium, Acts 14). Likewise, in visiting the ruins of all seven cities mentioned in Revelation 2 and 3, we were looking at remains from the very first century A.D.

At the same time, the country of Turkey – like so many countries today – is troubled. In the 17 days of our visit, two huge demonstrations took place, one in the capital, Ankara, with 300,000 participants and, the day we left for home, 700,000 in Istanbul. The major issue: Should Turkey be a secular state, as it has been since the days of its founding as a republic in 1922, or a religious one? In this case, “religious” means being ruled by Islam. My impression is that an overwhelming majority of the people of Turkey would prefer to retain the separation of mosque and state.

In any event, it is not an easy country for Christianity to re-enter. With more than 99% of the population Muslim, the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ remains as challenging as in the first century. As you very likely know, there were three Christian martyrdoms when we were in Turkey... the first martyrdoms of Christians since before the founding of the republic, i.e., in more than ninety years. Doug Johnson of our group knew the martyred pastor very well, and his daughter, Jocelyn, had baby-sat for the family. “A wonderful, kind, gentle Christian man,” Doug describes the man who, along with two other Christian workers, had been tortured and killed. The victim’s wife’s response to his murderers: “On the cross, Jesus prayed ‘Father, forgive them,’ and that is my prayer for you.”

Every once in a while on Sunday mornings at Faith Community I pray aloud for Christians in countries where it is difficult to be Christian. Please include this often in your daily talks with God.

In general, we had a wonderful trip. Hotels and other tourist facilities are vastly improved since my first visit to Turkey in 1988. The human and spiritual chemistry of our group was fantastic. I give thanks for a safe, enjoyable and memorable trip, with lots of fun, learning and laughter every day.

If you’d like to learn more about Turkey, you might wish to ask those who were on this trip. Members of Faith Community are Jan, and Julie Baas, Carl and Connie Backes, Bob and Nanette Goings, Pastor Dan and Cindy, Duane and Pat Sharp, Perry and Anita Willson, Veta Hartman and Ann Dworak. Also, we hope to include a presentation on Turkey in one of our Sunday School sessions in June, and we are even thinking of doing next year’s midweek Lenten series on letters to the Seven Churches...with lots of pictures thrown in! Stay tuned. You haven’t heard the last of Turkey yet!

Love, in Christ, Pastor Bruce Welander

Fellowship News

Put on your best smile!

As many of you already know, we are producing a new pictorial directory for our church. There is no cost to you and you will receive a complimentary 8"x10" portrait and directory for participating. You'll be able to view your images electronically immediately after you are photographed, and will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits to share with family and friends.

We have completed sign-ups and start taking pictures on May 7th. If you have not signed up for a time slot and want to be included in the directory, please contact either Sally Meier or Kaydene Hubert as soon as possible. We will do all we can to find you a time slot, or we will have a couple other options for you.

For those who have their time slots reserved, please make sure you make your appointment and are on time so that no one has to wait. We want to ensure this runs smoothly.

We appreciate you taking the time to participate in the directory.

FCLC Fellowship Co-Chairs,

Kaydene Hubert (303) 651-9479

Sally Meier (303) 938-8680

Boulder Dinner Theatre

Enjoy a fun night out with the family on Tuesday, June 5th, at 5:30 pm. Faith Community has reserved 60 seats for *The Sound of Music*. Tickets will be sold between services from April 29th thru May 6th. Cost of tickets is \$38, which is a group rate.

Got questions? Contact either...

Jolene Nicoll, 720.652.9621 or via email

jolene.schiefer@comcast.net, or

Sally Meier, 303.938.8680 or via email

sallyjmeier@yahoo.com



May Wedding Anniversaries



May 4

Jon & Dawnia Roth – 22 yrs

May 5

Matt & Stacie Sharp – 2 yrs

May 11

Bill & Melody – 39 yrs

May 12

Mike Cousins & Betsy Byrne – 23 yrs

May 13

Jesse & Sarah Demmel – 7 yrs

May 15

Corey & Ashleigh Bruns – 3 yrs

May 16

Scott & Terri Musser – 15 yrs

May 17

Curt & Laurie Dirkes – 27 yrs

Daniel & Laura Meyers – 4 yrs

May 18

Robert & Paula Moore – 5 yrs

May 19

Tom & Michelle Kramer – 6 yrs

Mark & Andrea Johnson – 1 yr

May 21

Dale & Jane Jurgensmeyer – 24 yrs

Dave & Kathy Droege – 19 yrs

May 23

Doug & Katherine Spencer-Inskeep – 20 yrs

Monte & Lorna Ott – 20 yrs

Dale & Toni Nehls – 15 yrs

May 24

Duane & Pat Sharp – 43 yrs

May 25

Cody & Lara Howes – 5 yrs

Cody & Mindy Gratny – 2 yrs

May 27

Michael & Kerry Kleiman – 12 yrs

Ben & Heather Gomez – 7 yrs

May 28

Shelly & Brian Embree – 25 yrs

Glen & Lisa Bleeker – 24 yrs

May 29

Wade & Wendy Fott – 3 yrs

FCLC Christian Education News

God's Blessings, Confirmation Class 2007!



Please remember these 8th graders in your prayers as they participate in the Confirmation questioning, reading of faith statements and the Confirmation service on the weekend of May 5-6:

Logan Audley, Lucas Brockman, William Elwood, McKenna Inskeep, Eddy Jordan, Tara Jurgensmeyer, George Kotula, Sarek Lee, Ruth Lerum, Jordan Lind, Connor Magyar, Simone O'Brien, Malanie Roth, Tony Schaff, JD Sell, Zac Stamp, Lauren Tway.

A big "Thank You"

to ALL of the volunteers at Faith Community Lutheran Church!

Did you know that on any given Sunday morning, there are at least **91** (count 'em!) volunteers helping to make sure everything runs smoothly. Volunteers of all ages, shapes and sizes make coffee, clean up coffee, shovel or sweep sidewalks, assist in the computer lab, staff the nursery, help children make craft projects, lead music in worship, serve communion, purchase grapes, make communion bread, usher, greet, lector, run VPU and sound, teach Bible stories, lead discussions, take attendance, staff the office, lead Children's Church, and the list goes on and on. . . And again, THANK YOU!

Would you like to be a part of the "team" on Sunday morning or at other times throughout the week? Please let Nanette know if you might be able to assist with one of the openings available during the summer months. nanette@fclc.org

What do "Old Testament Joseph, New Testament Joseph, Peacemakers, Hospitality and Holy Week," all have in common?

Come to the

"WHAT I LEARNED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL FESTIVAL FINALE"

to find out!

Sunday, May 20, 9:45-10:45 am

Downstairs in the Education Wing

Parents, attend with your children and discover what we have been learning in Sunday School this year. Play the Bible-based games at our Festival Finale booths, created and staffed by the Sunday School classes. Need more information? Ask a Sunday Schooler!

GOT QUESTIONS?

Director of Christian Education:

Nanette Goings nanette@fclc.org

Education Chairperson:

Rhea Hoops hoopsrd@msn.com



Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study

Will begin the study of 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus on June 6, 9:30-11 am.

Need a "Bible Break" during the frequently hectic months of summer? Do you feel like the world presents you with more problems than you can handle? Timothy and Titus faced tough issues and hectic lives as church leaders. Through the Apostle Paul's encouragement, they found strength that only Christ can give.

Need a study guide? Contact Nanette by May 20. Cost is \$6. We'd love to have you join us!

"Summer of Gifts" Sunday School

Beginning Sunday, June 3 and continuing through August 26, **73** unique, one-session classes on various topics and interests will be offered during the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:45 am), taught by members of FCLC. (What an **amazing**, let me repeat ... **AMAZING** variety of classes will be offered!) Each week, classes for all ages will begin with a prayer, theme-related Bible reading and a short devotion. So, don't take the summer off in 2007!

Register using the registration packet and course catalog available in the narthex by May 9. Wow, you sure don't want to miss out! **Take a look at the course catalog!**

"The Knee-Sitters' Club" begins June 5th!

Imagine Jesus surrounded by children. Imagine Jesus inviting the children to sit on His knee. Imagine becoming a member of Faith Community Lutheran Church's "Knee-Sitters' Club" and listening to stories about Jesus.

Beginning June 5, (9:00-9:45 am) and each **Tuesday** morning throughout the summer, children – ages 3 through 2nd grade – are invited to come to this Christian story hour which will also include crafts, snacks and/or games as extensions of Jesus' Bible stories. Checking out a book from the church library will also be included.

Christian Education Dates to Remember

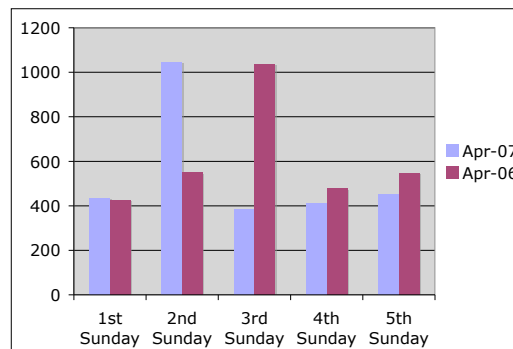
May 5	7:00-8:30 pm	Confirmation Questioning/Reception (Congregation is invited!)
May 6	11:00 am	Confirmation Sunday
May 6	6-7:30 pm	P.O.T.s. (Parents of Teens)
May 9	6:00-7:15 pm	Last Confirmation Class for 6 th /7 th Graders
May 20	9:45-10:45 am	Sunday School Festival Finale
May 21	7-8:30 pm	Weavers of the Cloth (Change of Date!)
May 27	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	Memorial Day Weekend
June 3	9:45-10:45 am	Summer of Gifts Sunday School begins
June 5	9-9:45 am	Kneesitters' Club begins! Preschool-2nd grades) (Meets <u>every Tuesday morning</u> through Aug. 8)



Sunday School Attendance

Attendance

	Apr-07	Apr-06
	PALM SUNDAY	
1st Sunday	35	No SS
	Easter Extravaganza	PALM SUNDAY
2nd Sunday	106	207
		Easter Extravaganza
3rd Sunday	101	100
4th Sunday	127	196
5th Sunday	125	216

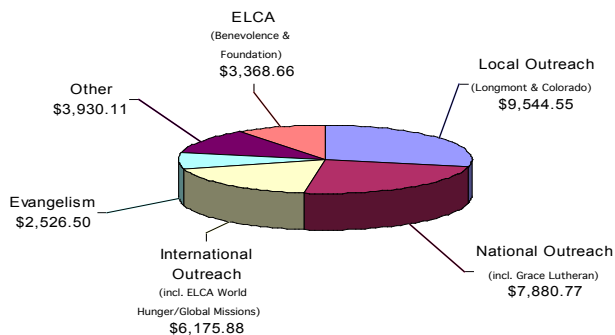


Outreach News

Whether you know it or not, **YOU** are a part of Outreach here at Faith Community Lutheran. Every time you put money in the offering basket, you should feel good about knowing that one-fifth of this goes right back out the door to directly help others in our community and around the world. **A BIG Thank You goes out to the entire congregation for all the offerings collected thus far.**

In April, FCLC distributed the quarter-end contributions of \$28,072.20 to our Outreach Ministry Partners. This amount is 20% of the general offerings collected in the first quarter of 2007. In addition to this, \$5354.87 was collected from the Lenten offerings and was sent to New Orleans to help Grace Lutheran Church as they continue to rebuild from the 2005 Hurricane Katrina disaster. All this support couldn't happen without **YOU**... thank you!

Total Outreach Contributions for First Quarter 2007



Outreach Focus for May

The month of May is designated to focus on the Life Choices Pregnancy Center.

Since 1985, Life Choices Pregnancy Center has been offering free, confidential, and compassionate services to anyone in need in Colorado. There are now three locations: Longmont, Loveland, and Thornton. The peer counselors are there to share the love of Jesus Christ by listening and helping people work through options and decisions concerning unplanned or unintended pregnancy and sexual behavior. More information can be found at their website at:

www.lifechoices.org

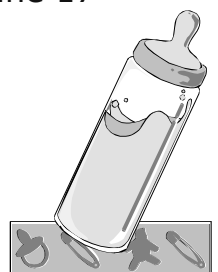
Walk for Life:

The 2-mile "Walk for Life" is schedule for Saturday, May 12 at 9AM. The walk will happen rain or shine and will start at Flanders Park near McIntosh Lake (South of 21st St. and West of Hover St.) If you're interested in walking, please be sure to pick up a registration form at the "Outreach Corner" (SW corner of the Narthex) or call Life Choices directly at 303-651-2050.

"Change for Life" Baby Bottle Campaign:

The "Change for Life" Baby Bottle Campaign begins on Mother's Day (May 13) and ends on Father's Day (June 17). There will be a display in the "Outreach Corner" where the baby bottles will be available for pickup. If you have any questions, please contact Thelma MacDonald (thelmac39@aol.com). It's as easy as 1-2-3...

- 1 – Grab a baby bottle
- 2 – Fill the bottle up with spare change
- 3 – Return the baby bottle by June 17



May Birthdays!



May 1

Cliff Jensen
Dan Spencer
Rob Elwood
Meghan Ward
Matthew Bonds
Emily Hostetter-Stark

May 2

Ray Stolpe
Teresa
Riemenschneider
Jacob Cousins
Stian Sharpe
Ryan Smith

May 3

Val Wait
Simone O'Brien

May 4

Gail Felton
Patrick Greene

May 5

Marsha Tollefson
Tara McRitchie
Matt Olson

May 6

Lothar Gruenberger
Diane Sell
Douglas Nehls

May 7

Tom Gruenberger
Ally Edmonds
Luke Embree

May 8

Marilyn Luttrell

May 9

Sam Van Winkle
Jace Herman
William Lerum
Zachary Boggess

May 10

Cody Gratny
Anthony Pugh-Ruiz

May 11

Robert Bowers
Emily Noble

May 12

Debbie Polsdofer
Shannon Myers
Seth Goings
Marlee Van Winkle
Christian Ruiz

May 13

Ansley Elwood

May 14

Sven Raemer

May 15

Rob Smith
Peter Stewart
Andrew Bladt

May 16

Curt Schroeder
Karen Kovets

May 17

Jeanne Malone-Chowning

May 18

Teresa Gunther

May 19

Ewald Schelert
Diane Pugh

May 20

Federico Ruiz
Carrie Hostetter
Lindsay Droege

May 21

Wendell Tollefson
David Nehls
Conner Fushi
Andrew Peeples
Serana Hubert
Jillian Irvin
Chloe Miller

May 22

Kaela Ney

May 23

Allen Clauson
Lindsey Moller
Ryan Carlson
Elizabeth Ruiz

May 24

Sue Bachman
Sally Meier

May 25

Tom Bilan
Mary Stewart
Eddy Jordan
Danika Cito

May 26

Alice Jean Chain
Elizabeth Pugh-

Ruiz

Jake Cito

May 27

Stephanie Spencer
Lara Howes
Emily Hunyadi

May 28

Melody Baker
Cliff Stewart
Matt Bauder
Alex Chaney
Zachary Vece
Mitchell Held
Lyndsey Stewart
Jake Kotula
Aiden Hajdas

May 29

Leah Rinard
Jonathan Jones

May 30

Megan Praska
Keenan Krantz

May 31

Scott Snyder
Michael Ciccone
Tommy Tatham

Web and Email Addresses Change

Dear members of Faith Community Lutheran,

Recently Faith Community Lutheran was able to obtain the www.fclc.org domain name. Seth Goings, Kirk Olson, and I have completed transferring the web site, email addresses, and mailing lists to the new domain.

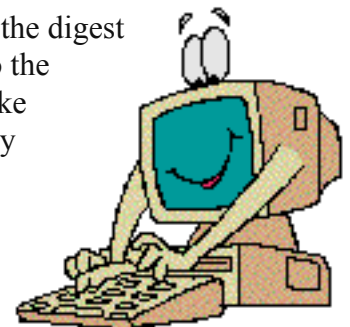
Therefore, on Thursday morning, February 22, 2007, www.faithcommunitylutheran.org web site was shut down.

Mailing lists and e-mail addresses will be forwarded for a few weeks. You should update your address books to reflect addresses that were once @faithcommunitylutheran.org are now @fclc.org

Individual mailing list subscription passwords from faithcommunitylutheran.org are not being transferred to fclc.org.

So, if you have a favorite password, you will need to go into the Administration function on each list to make that change. If you belong to several lists, you can go into the Administration of one of the lists and mark "Global" and it will change it to be the same on all the lists you are subscribed.

Also, if you prefer to be on the digest version, you will need to go the Administrative menu to make that change. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at holson@oldspooksandpies.org



Blessings,
Harlan Olson



LIBRARY NOTES

Keep your specs on and watch both ways ...

when you enter the library space later this month. You may encounter circuit riders and their horses heading in all directions to complete the 2007 summer reading program. More details and dates for the Kneesitters' Club and the Faith Circuit Riders activities will be announced soon. Your horse and trail maps will be waiting.

Long before the circuit riders hit the trail, the Pilgrims arrived in America in 1620. They brought along supplies, a consuming passion to advance the Kingdom of Christ, a bright hope for the future, and the Word of God. Clearly, their most precious cargo was the Bible. Have you ever wondered what version of the Bible the Pilgrims brought to America on the Mayflower? Believe it or not, it was not the *King James Version* of 1611. It was actually The 1599 *Geneva Bible* – now mostly forgotten yet a priceless treasure! Marginal notes, written by Reformation leaders such as John Calvin, John Knox, Miles Coverdale, and others, were included to explain and interpret the scriptures for the common people. This translation became the Bible of choice for many historical figures of the times. Men such as Shakespeare, John Bunyan, and John Milton used the Geneva Bible, and it was reflected in their writings. A gift copy of this Bible has been added to the library. Stop in the Reading Room (224) and look up your favorite passage or Psalm to compare with your current favorite edition.

Parenting is always challenging, but the challenges are heartbreaking as we try to talk with very young children about death, grief, and loss ... or Grandpa's inability to remember their name or why he can't speak clearly or walk with them. It may be the loss of a pet or the behavior of a classmate suffering the effects of a syndrome. Many children's authors have written picture books that they pray will be helpful at such times. A number of these books are being shelved in the Reading Room with other parenting books for parents faced with such situations. A book read sitting on Mom or Dad's lap may prompt the questions a child didn't know how to voice. Such books will be found under the Dewey number 248.845 or ask a librarian for help.

New books [and other media] are added to the library at least once per month. Make it a habit to browse the New Books truck near the checkout desk, the book rack on the table in the Reading Room, and watch the shifting books displays in the narthex book bin. For a complete list of materials added each month, watch for printouts decorated with NEW stickers in the library and narthex. Feel free to take these home to read. Can't find one ... ask a librarian!

That lovely new cabinet in the library will house our growing collection of DVDs. We're also planning a move for the online catalog to a more convenient spot so that you can find out if we own a certain book and locate it more easily. But, as always, feel free to ask a librarian to help.

FYI ... in case you've wondered:

FCLC Library is open at all times the church is open and is self-serve. We depend on our users to help us maintain careful records of borrowed items. To borrow a book or video, sign your name and phone number on the card in the book pocket and drop it in the checkout box on the desk or narthex bin.

**Books may be kept for one month; videos for one week.
Return borrowed items to Room 227.**

YOUTH AND HOUSEHOLD MINISTRY

MAY 2007

Baccalaureate Worship Service to Honor our Seniors



COME TO THE FIRST ANNUAL LONGMONT AREA ECUMENICAL BACCALAUREATE WORSHIP SERVICE!

On May 20 from 4-5 PM at Central Presbyterian, congregations from around Longmont will participate in the First Annual Longmont Ecumenical Baccalaureate Worship Service.

Participating congregations include Faith Community, Bethlehem, and First Lutheran Churches, Westview and Central Presbyterian Churches, St. Stephens Episcopal Church, Light of Christ Ecumenical Catholic Church, and Longs Peak United Methodist Church.

This is a chance to gather together as a community and honor all the students in our midst as the move onto the next adventures of their lives. Since so many of our students know others who attend different congregations, this is an excellent opportunity to honor those friendships as well, by coming together under one roof for wor-

ship.

The senior higher group from FCLC will first gather for a Graduation Picnic at FCLC from 1-3 PM, complete with food and fun, and then we will carpool over to Central Presbyterian for the worship service.

Everyone from FCLC is invited to join us for this great worship celebration! Please come and join us in blessing these graduates! If anyone from FCLC wants to join us for the picnic that precedes the worship, please RSVP to Kris Balmtrum no later than May 15.

Friday Flick Club

Hey all you senior highers! Mark the first Friday of every month for the FCLC Friday Flick Club! We will meet at FCLC at 6:45 (you will be notified if we meet earlier) and head out to Twin Peaks theaters to watch a movie. On the way home we will talk about it and decide whether or not we give it a "thumbs up!" This month's flick is yet to be determined, but JESSE DEMMEL will be leading the venture—so get ready to go! Bring your own movie ticket and popcorn money.

MS Youth Group

Calling all Middle Schoolers! Don't forget to show up at FCLC on the 2nd and 4th Sunday nights of the month, from 6-8 PM even through the summer! This is a great time to hang out with your "church friends" and build community!

May 13 we will have a kickball tournament and a Bible Study based on Matthew 10:9-19 which is about wiping the dust from your feet.

May 27 we will remember our baptism as we have a HUGE water fun night—so wear clothes that can get wet. No white t-shirts, girls!!!

FireUp Continues

Don't forget about the Fire Up Bible Studies on Wednesday nights! Up until the week before Workcamp, we meet in the youth room from 7:30-8 PM.

Following Workcamp, we will have FIRE PIT—get this—around the fire pit. (Isn't that creative?) We will eat s'mores and reminisce about the moments of Workcamp. We will probably sing a few of the favorite songs too! So mark your calendars on Wednesdays from now till June 13 from 7:30-8, and then June 27 till August 22 from 7-8:30 PM. Burn on!!!

CLIP & KEEP CALENDAR

May 2, W-7:30-8 PM
Fire Up Bible Study

May 3, Th-7-8 PM
Leap of Faith

May 4, F-6-10 PM
Sr High Friday Flick Club

May 6, Su-12:15-1:15 PM
Workcamp Meeting

May 8, Tu-7-8 PM
Youth Committee Meeting

May 9, W-7:30-8 PM
Fire Up Bible Study

May 13, Su-6-8 PM
Middle School Youth Group:
Kickball Tournament

May 16, W-7-8 PM
Fire Up Bible Study

May 19, Sa-11-1 PM
Sign painting

May 20, Su-12:30-1:30 PM
Mentor Training

May 20, Su-1-3 PM
Sr. High Third Day
Graduation Picnic

May 20, Su-4-5 PM
Baccalaureate Worship Service @ Central Presbyterian

May 23, W-7-8 PM
Fire Up Bible Study

May 27, Su-6-8 PM
Middle School Youth Group:
Water Game Night

May 30, W-7-8 PM
Fire Up Bible Study

May 30, W-8:30-10 PM
Sr. High Girl's Coffee Talk @
Caffe Luna

FCLC'S YHM exists so that young people and those in their households can be encouraged to grow in a vital and authentic relationship with Jesus Christ.

All about Administration

from Susan Moller
Director of Business Administration



About.....the Simply Giving Program

This is a great way to continue your financial gifts to the church over the summer months when many of you are taking vacations. It is a program that is sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans that helps you conveniently contribute to FCLC through a pre-authorized electronic withdrawal from your bank account. You determine the frequency of your automatic gift (weekly, semi-monthly or monthly). Your gift is deposited into FCLC's bank account at no cost to you or to the church. You can now find a link to the sign-up form on our website under stewardship. Just print it, fill it out and return it to me. Also, if you are already giving via the Simply Giving program and have any changes, you can do that with this form as well. Any questions, feel free to give me a call.

About.....Coming Soon--Donations through your credit card

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans also sponsors a credit card giving program. If you would like to make your contributions with your credit card on a recurring basis, this is the program for you. I am currently getting it set up and it should be ready for your use very soon. Let me know if you are interested in signing up for this program or if you have any questions about it.

About.....First-Fruits Outreach & Lenten offerings

Our first quarter outreach checks have gone out. We are very blessed to be giving 20% of our general offering, which totaled \$28,000 for this first quarter. Additionally, our Lenten offerings in the amount of \$5,354.87 have been sent to Grace Lutheran Church in New Orleans. Praise God for His gifts!

Blessings,
Susan
Church office #: (303) 776-8771
susan@fclc.org

FCLC FINANCES

As of 4/23/07:

General Offering YTD	\$ 184,255
Budget YTD	\$ 223,121
Expenses YTD	\$(184,859)
New Building Giving YTD	\$ 35,120

Donations of Appreciated Stock is Easy

Appreciated securities that you've held for more than 12 months are tax deductible. If you donate appreciated securities, you gain two ways. You avoid capital gains taxes and you can deduct the fully appreciated market value of the stock at the time of the gift. This tax deduction is limited to 30% of your adjusted gross income. Gifts over that limit can be carried forward and deducted within the next five years, assuming you itemize your deductions.

If you decide to contribute the stock to a charity, simply call your broker and let him/her know how many shares of which stock you want to donate. Typically, you want to select an appreciated stock that you've held over one year and that you wish to sell or reduce your holding for diversification purposes. Also, you may wish to donate a stock that is paying little or no dividend as you are not earning any income off of that stock position.

Nancy Passot

A message from the Council President

Hello,

As many of you are aware, a new full-time position, Pastoral Associate, was approved for the 2007 budget. At this time, I thought it would be helpful to provide an update on the position and hiring process. Over the past several months, the Council, Executive Committee, and Human Resources Committee have taken various steps to begin the process including creating a Hiring Committee consisting of Tracy Rothe (Chairman), Hanorah Anderson, Federico Ruiz, Pastor Dan, and myself. By the time you read this newsletter, solicitation for candidates for the Pastoral Associate position will have begun.

As this position is critical to the future of our church, the decision was made to advertise this position locally, through the Rocky Mountain ELCA Synod website, and our website. We would also appreciate your help in "getting the word out," and encouraging potential candidates to apply. Below is a summary of the position qualifications and responsibilities which can also be found at www.fclc.org.

The hiring process will consist of several interviews as well as an informal opportunity to meet the congregation and Council. Please check the bulletin and on-line calendar as details become available. Your continued prayers would be appreciated as we seek to fill this position.

Sincerely,
Jill Krantz, Council President

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www.fclc.org

Faith Community Lutheran Church, a dynamic, growing church, is seeking a full-time lay professional for our Pastoral Associate position. Proven ability to oversee fiscal operations, as well as manage and motivate people to accomplish organizational goals. Ideal candidate will have experience in both public and private sector including large and small businesses. The selected individual will have experience in the application of technology in both the office environment and presentation to audiences.

Responsibilities consist of a mix of administrative and pastoral duties varying on a daily or weekly basis. Key areas of responsibility include managing and supervising all church staff excluding Pastors; managing congregational ministries and supporting Church Council; supporting the short and long-term maintenance of the building and property; and overseeing the budget process and fiscal operation of the church. Pastoral Associate will be a member of the professional ministry team consisting of a Lead Pastor and part-time Pastor. Pastoral responsibilities include acting as worship assistant; providing pastoral care; leading adult Sunday School/Bible Study; and working in an outreach capacity. Other pastoral duties may include conducting sermons, weddings, and funerals.

Position will be under the supervision of the Lead Pastor. Minimum education requirement Bachelors degree or comparable professional experience. A detailed job description can be obtained at the website www.fclc.org. Interested candidates should provide a Letter of Application, resume, two professional references, and two personal references by mail or fax 303-772-1417 to Tracy Rothe, Hiring Committee Chairman, Faith Community Lutheran Church, 9775 Ute Highway, Longmont, Colorado, 80504.

Applications will be accepted until May 11, 2007.



God's spirit is on me. He chose me to preach the message of Good News to the poor, sent me to announce the pardon of prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to set the burdened and battered free, to announce, "This is God's year to act!" Luke 4:18-19

Catch the Spirit!

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Our Council Members and Church Staff are always available to listen to the ideas and concerns of our members. Your input is invaluable in aiding the leadership of Faith Community Lutheran in determining the direction we should go in fulfilling God's mission for us. We welcome you to take part and share your vision.

- Council minutes are public record and kept in the Church Office.
- Council meets the second Tuesday of every month at 8pm. Meetings are open to the congregation.
- If you would like to be involved in any of the ministries listed above, contact the ministry chair.

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**Faith
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Stephen Ministry... welcomes Stephanie Mason as a new Stephen Leader. Stephanie was commissioned as a Stephen Minister at Faith in February 2005. She went to Corpus Christi, TX, a couple of months ago for a week of intensive Stephen Ministry Leadership Training. We commissioned Stephanie as a Stephen Leader for our church on March 11, 2007. Stephanie has been employed by non-profit agencies and is currently employed by Group Publishing in Loveland. We welcome Stephanie's enthusiasm and leadership.

Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one, confidential, Christian care-giving ministry. If you or someone you know could benefit from having a Christian friend to walk with them while going through difficult times, please let us know.

Julie Baas, Stephen Ministry Leader

Pastoral Care

What does it take to become a Stephen Minister (and what you receive in return)?

Okay, admit it. Stephen Ministry has crossed your mind a few times. You might even have picked up a brochure or talked to the pastor about it. But now you want to take a closer look at the idea of becoming a Stephen Minister. You're wondering: Is this right for me? Following are some guidelines that might help you in your decision-making.

Gifts

A Stephen Minister is a person with the gift of mercy, who shows compassion and gives encouragement to and intercedes for those he or she cares for. Many Stephen Ministers say that they receive much more from the caring relationship with their care receiver than they give.

Commitment

A Stephen Minister devotes time, energy, and resources to this ministry. In return, a Stephen Minister has the chance to participate in meaningful ministry, make a major difference in another person's life, and grow as a joyous child of God.

Training

A Stephen Minister completes 50 hours of training before ever meeting with a care receiver. He or she learns about listening, assertiveness, confidentiality, and many other aspects of care-giving. After completing the initial training, there is continuing education. Stephen Ministers find that their relationships become richer and deeper at home, church, and work and with friends.

Dedicated Service

A Stephen Minister serves wholeheartedly. This isn't a casual ministry. It involves prayer, thought, consideration, study, and commitment. In return, the Stephen Minister receives grateful thanks from his or her care receiver, our Stephen Leaders, the congregation, and our Lord.

Accountability

A Stephen Minister is accountable to God, the congregation, the Stephen Leaders, the other Stephen Ministers, and the care receiver. In return, he or she receives support, encouragement, and guidance in Small Group Peer Supervision.

Continuous Learning

A Stephen Minister is open to adjusting and adapting his or her care-giving to fit the needs of the care receiver. He or she learns more about care-giving at each meeting with a care receiver and at each supervision session. Stephen Ministry is an experience of continuous learning, growth, and joy.

A new training class for Stephen Ministers is starting soon. The Holy Spirit may be calling you to the joy, commitment, growth, meaning, training, service, and care of being a Stephen Minister. Pray for God's guidance as you consider this opportunity.

For more information, contact Stephanie Mason at (970) 744-0084 or stephaniemason@gmail.com or Julie Baas at (303) 772-4995 or juliabaas@hotmail.com.

Stephanie Mason
Council Chair & Assistant Stephen Ministry Leader

WORSHIP TEAM CORNER



by Diane Sell

As I sit here planning the summer worship/music leadership, I am reminded how blest we are to have such a wonderful volunteer crew that is dedicated to FCLC. This past year we have worked hard to implement your thoughts and ideas for enriching our Worship services at Faith. The Survey yielded over 70 different family units producing thoughts/idea/comments that were great! Many thanks for your input!

The Men's Chorus is back! We're getting together a men's chorus to sing for the 11:00 service on May 20. We'll rehearse just twice, May 13th after the first service and before the 11:00am service May 20th, at which we sing. All men are welcome to join the group. Miles Olson is directing the group.



Blessings,
Diane Sell
Worship Team Director

From Worship Leaders Kristen & Ed

It was our honor and our joy to lead worship while the pastors were away on their Bible trip to Turkey. We appreciate all the kind words regarding the service leadership.

However, there are many people that make a Sunday morning service "happen!" It is all the people on the back of the bulletin (the people in the booth, the greeters, the ushers, the acolytes, the lectors, the children's sermon presenters, the communion servers, the Steven Ministers, the people that prepare communion and make sure the elements are properly taken care of and things are cleaned-up after communion, the nursery attendants, the children's church leaders, the people that clean the church before service and those that clean up after our services), the people that prepare the bulletin, and, last but not least, the worship team! Many thanks to all of you!

Whenever humans are involved in any activity, there are always some rough edges! Yet, with God's help and the combined efforts of many people coupled with your gracious acceptance of our "being clay pots," we praise God for the opportunity and to God be the glory!!!

Kris Baltrum, Deaconess
Ed Broestl, Diaconal Minister candidate



Mission Verse

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Luke 4:18-19

Our Vision

*In each of us burns a flame
so we gather in faith and
hope to reach out in love.*



Our Core Values

**To "Reach Out in Love"
as a church that is:**

- * Bible-centered
- * Prayer-centered
- * Worship-centered with blended
styles of music
- * Kid-Friendly
- * Visitor-Friendly
- * A Model of the Priesthood
of Believers
- * A Model of "First Fruits Giving"
(to various outreach projects)

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